

**Saturday, March 19
10 – 11 a.m.**

Legislative Town Hall Meeting

Join Sen. Carrell and Rep. Talcott
to discuss progress of the 2005
legislative session.

**University Place Senior Center
2534 Grandview West
in University Place**

**Thursday, March 17
7 – 8 p.m.**

Progress House Meeting

(see other side for details)

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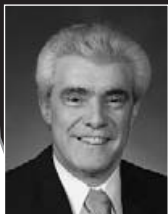
Facts about Progress House:

- Department of Corrections is planning to bring Progress House, a work-release program for 70 (could become as many as 150) high-risk, violent, adult male offenders to our neighborhood at Western State Hospital.
- There is limited supervision of Progress House participants.
- Current location: Remann Hall on 6th Avenue in Tacoma, Pierce County.
- Judges said: "A work-release facility in close proximity is both undesirable and unacceptable." Children and vulnerable people are subject to safety risks if they interact with Progress House participants.

Questions:

- How is the safety risk of youth at Remann Hall different than youth at Steilacoom High School and Pierce College, Lakewood residents at Fort Steilacoom Park, or residents at Western State Hospital.
- Why would we want to shift the safety risk from one community to our community?

Meet with us to discuss protecting our children



Sen. Carrell



Rep. Talcott

Speak out about the relocation of violent offenders into our neighborhoods around Western State Hospital

Sen. Carrell and Rep. Talcott invite you to join the Mayors of Lakewood, Steilacoom and University Place, Pierce County councilmembers, legislators and school board members at a public meeting to discuss the impacts of the Department of Corrections' decision to relocate Progress House into our backyard.

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**Steilacoom High School
54 Sentinel Avenue
in Steilacoom**

Don't forget our regular Town Hall Meeting on March 19
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"When one adds together infractions during work release and while in prison, work release offenders were twice as likely to incur a violation when compared to non-work release (67.3 percent versus 33.6 percent)."

Issue findings taken from the U.S. Department of Justice — National Institute of Justice research brief entitled "Work Release: Recidivism and Corrections Costs in Washington State," December, 1996.

"...disproportionate placement of convict programs in Pierce County works to the advantage of other counties, especially King and Snohomish Counties. Other legislators might even prefer to have Seattle as a pristine tourist destination at the expense of Tacoma and Lakewood. It is difficult to find allies, as someone else's neighborhoods must be gorged if the load is lifted from Lakewood/Tacoma."

Gerry Horne, Pierce County Prosecutor